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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1782.

HAGUE, *March* 2.

"IT is known for a certainty, that Friesland has determined that the Americans should be acknowledged as forming a free and independent state, and Mr. Adams admitted in quality of minister from this new republic. His excellency having purchased a house at the Hague in order to reside there, at quitting Amsterdam, has occasioned many conjectures.

March 7. The states of Friesland have come to the following resolution, and have sent it by their deputies to the assembly of their high mightinesses.

"The demand of Mr. Adams having been carried to the assembly for delivering his credential letters from the United States of North-America to their high mightinesses, as also the ulterior address for the like purpose, praying a categorical answer by the same, and more amply mentioned in the notes of their high mightinesses of the 4th of May, 1781, and on the 9th of January, 1782; upon which it having been taken into consideration that the said Mr. Adams had probably some proposals to make to their high mightinesses, and to lay before them the principal articles and fundamentals on which the congress, on their part, are willing to enter into a treaty of commerce and friendship, or other affairs to propose, with regard to which dispatch is requisite,

"It hath been thought proper to authorise the deputies of the province to the generality, and to charge them to manage the matters at the board of their high mightinesses, in such a manner that the said Mr. Adams be admitted as soon as possible as minister from the congress of North America, with further orders to the said deputies, that if any other proposition be made by the same, to inform their noble mightinesses of it as soon as possible. And an extract of this present shall be sent for their information, and to conduct themselves accordingly.

"So resolved at the state house the 26th of February, 1782.

Signed, A. J. V. SMINTA."

Which having been deliberated upon, the deputies of the provinces of Guelders, Zeland, Utrecht, and Groningen, have taken a copy of this resolution, to be communicated more amply to their respective provinces.

AMSTERDAM, *March* 25.

The regency of this city have determined, it is said, for the acknowledgment of American independence. We are assured, that in the states of Holland the majority have already declared in favour of that measure. The states of Holland are not singular in demanding that proclamation. In the provinces of Guelders, Utrecht, and Overyssel, the citizens and regents appear equally zealous in terminating so salutary an affair as soon as possible. The advantages which will result from it are amply set forth in their petitions.

LONDON, *April* 3.

It was decided in council, held at St. James's on Thursday evening last, that overtures of peace should be made immediately to the states general, and that the marquis of Carmarthen was to be appointed negociator, and to repair on that business to the Hague.

If the new ministry should fail of success in their endeavours to restore the political and commercial dignity and importance of Great Britain, their situation will be extremely disagreeable; for no excuse can be admitted in favour of men who have unremittingly opposed the measures of their predecessors in office, and uniformly persevered in the declaration, that the projects they had suggested were the only possible means which the nation could be rescued from impending ruin.

Admiral Digby continues to command on the American station till an accommodation shall take place.

The last Irish papers contain the resolutions of delegates from 59 military corps met at Ballinasloe, and deputed from the different military corps of the province of Connaught. These resolutions exactly coincide with those entered into at Dungannon by the delegates for Ulster; and have the additional resolution, "As we are determined to share in the liberties of England, so we are determined to share in her fate."

SALE, *May* 2.

The following, from Marblehead, is related as fact: On Friday last a small vessel entered that harbour, and stood to the upper end of it; and though she was not known, yet, appearing as a coaster, she remained unnoticed. Late in the evening, a person, who had occasion to be out, saw 16 men, in a body, walking the streets; and one of them he observed, had a hanger; and though no weapons were seen about the others, yet as each of them had on a great coat, it is probable that they carried arms concealed. They all wore fur caps. These circumstances being related in the morning, occasioned a look out for the strange vessel, which entered the preceding day; but she was not to be found. A sloop, owned in the town, was also missing, and it is supposed was carried off by her.

It is much feared, by many, that this and other fea-port towns will not attend to the danger they are exposed to, till they are aroused by suffering some capital losses.

BOSTON, *May* 6.

Last Saturday the privateer ship Grand Turk of Salem, returned from a successful cruise, having captured several valuable prizes—she brought in with her a schooner from Antigua, bound to England, and commanded by —— Mowat, loaded with West-India goods.

One of the prisoners taken in the above prize, we are told, gives the following account, "That on the 10th and 12th of April, there happened two several engagements between the French and English fleets in the West-Indies (off Martinico) that the former lost the La Ville de Paris, of 110 guns; La Hector, 74, La Glorioia, 84, La Ardent, 64, taken; La Cæsar, 74, burnt; and the La Zodique, 84, sunk; but as the Antigua paper of the 13th ult. does not mention either of the engagements, we presume the account is premature.

Yesterday arrived here a letter of marque brig of 14 carriage guns, copper bottomed, loaded with coffee and cotton, prize to the letter of marque ship Robin Hood, captain Smith, of 10 guns. She was from St. Lucia, bound to England, and was taken without opposition.

The above prize sailed the 2d ult. under convoy of the British fleet, bound for Jamaica; but as the French fleet sailed 24 hours before, it is supposed they arrived time enough to lay siege to Jamaica.

Extract of a letter dated on board the prison ship Jersey, at New-York, April 26, 1782.

"I am sorry to write you from this miserable place: I can assure you since I have been here, we have had only 20 men exchanged, although, we are in number upwards of 700, exclusive of the sick in the hospital ships, who die like sheep; therefore my intention is, if possible, to enter on board some merchant or transport ship, as it is impossible for so many men to keep alive in one vessel."

NEW-LONDON, *May* 10.

Friday last was sent into port, a sloop laden with flour from New-York bound to the West Indies, captured by the sloop Randolph, captain Foldick.

Last Monday the galley Black Sloven, sent into port a schooner laden with boards, which she captured at Fire-Island inlet. And the same day was brought in a galley with 17 men, captured by the John and Fair America gallies, which they captured at the back of Long-Island.

Wednesday arrived the brig Allegator, —— Stutson, late commander, from St. Croix, bound to Boston, with 130 hogsheads of rum, taken by the Centurion, and retaken by the sloop Randolph, captain Foldick.

Same day was brought into this port by the brig Sampson, captain Brooks, a privateer brig called the Jolly Tar, of 12 guns and 40 men; she sailed from New-York on Sunday last. She was formerly called the La Impromteu, captain Peo, who arrived at this port from Norway, in October last.

A few days ago, a flag arrived at Newport, Rhode-Island, from Bermuda, in which came, the captains William Watles, William Loring, and —— Eglesion.

They left at Bermuda the following captains, whose vessels have likewise been taken, viz. Coffin, brig, from Boston; Coffin, schooner, Baltimore; Furnes, brig, Marblehead; Pole, brig, Boston; Sayer, ship, Boston; Cooledge, brig, Newbury; Newman, do. do. Belham, schooner, North-Carolina; Denison, do. do. Waters, brig, Salem; Miners, brig, Virginia; Baker, do. do. Groce, sloop, Boston; Athmead, ship, Philadelphia; Gardner, brig, Newbury; Briggs, brig, Salem; Buckingham, sloop, Virginia; Darling, from Nantucket; Richenion, sloop, Rhode-Island, (the captain lost.)

Captain Watles says, the American prisoners at Bermuda, are well supplied with provisions, and in every respect treated with great humanity.

NEW-YORK, *May* 15.

It is reported that on admiral Rodney's first descrying the French transports, a signal was made for all his frigates to chase, and we are assured there was a prospect of securing the greatest part of 60 sail, with 6000 land forces on board.

Further particulars of the brilliant victory gained by the British fleet in the West-Indies, under the command of admiral Sir George B. Rodney, over the French fleet, commanded by count de Grasse, obtained from a gentleman arrived in a Spanish flag of truce ship from Jamaica.

In the engagement which happened on the 9th ult. three French ships of the line were so much disabled as rendered it absolutely necessary to tow them into Guadaloupe, to which island the transports with the troops also failed from Martinico, under convoy of admiral de Grasse, who had been ordered upon the first appearance of our British fleet. Two days after the arrival of the transports there, frigates were brought orders for them to come out, in consequence whereof they were observed by some British frigates, supposed to watch their motions; they communicated intelligence of the movement by signals to our fleet, which on the 12th bore down upon the French transports, and reduced count de Grasse to the alternative of suffering them to be captured or risk another action with admiral Rodney; he chose the latter, and Sir George having a favourable wind, intersected the French line, by which manœuvre one half of the ships were prevented from coming to action.

The object of the count de Grasse was to form a junction with twelve line of battle ships, commanded by admiral Solano, which were to sail from Monte Christi with a number of transports, having 8000 troops on board, under orders of general Don Galvez, and then with the combined armament to attack Jamaica.

Extract of a letter, dated Antigua, April 17, 1782.

"We yesterday had the agreeable confirmation of admiral Rodney's capturing the Ville de Paris, and four others of the line, sunk two, burnt one, of the squadron, near Guadaloupe, the whole of the French fleet routed, our's in pursuit of the remainder, we expect a few more."

By a vessel in seven days from Providence, we learn, that a force from the Havanna, consisting of about 60 sail, with troops, had arrived there, and was preparing to attack that island; this advice came through the Spanish fleet, which consisted chiefly of small vessels. The works were strong, and in good condition, and the garrison lately reinforced with 180 men.

ANNAPOLIS, *May* 30.

The following account of a sea engagement between the French fleet, under the command of his excellency the count de Grasse, and the British fleet, under the orders of Sir George B. Rodney, is translated from the Martinico gazette of April 18, brought by captain Goodhue, who arrived at Newbury on Thursday the 9th inst. in 20 days from Martinico.

M. de Grasse having held the English fleet at bay during the night, between the 8th and 9th in the channel of Dominique, covered the merchant ships by his grand manœuvres, and by that means gave them time enough to make their escape. The 9th in the morning the two van guards were engaged, 15 French against 18 English ships, the main body of the two fleets being not near enough to engage. The Cato, commanded by M. Frammond, sustained, with the greatest firmness, the fire from three English ships, near 50 men were killed and wounded, and she was soon disengaged by the Triumphant and Pluto. The English left the field of battle, and appeared infinitely more damaged than we were. The Cato proceeded to Guadaloupe to repair, and the next day was followed by the Jason, who had suffered by the Zele's running on board her; this last ship having also run on board the Ville de Paris in the night between the 11th and 12th, her mizen-mast and bowsprit were carried away, and not being able to manœuvre, would have fallen into the hands of the enemy, if count de Grasse had not ordered the frigate Astrea to go and take her in tow.

The English in that moment crouded all their sails towards the damaged ships: our general to save them, made a signal for the whole fleet to bear down upon the enemy, and to attack them at pistol shot: that judicious manœuvre at the time when he had but 30 ships against 37, was immediately executed with the greatest intrepidity; the count de Grasse at the example, he cut off the English line, and carried every thing before him, that lay exposed to the fire of his artillery. The two fleets being becalmed, were mixed together, and fought with unexampled bravery, from 7 o'clock in the morning till 7 in the evening; the ships were engaged, the greatest part of the time, yard-arm and yard-arm. The ship of war le Glorieux, engaged by 3 of the enemy, two of which were three-deckers, was taken, being entirely dismasted, and just ready to sink; the English after taking her out of the line, set fire to her, and she blew up.

We shall go no further in lamenting the sad effects of war, but wait for the well authenticated account of this memorable and bloody day. We have but this moment the certainty of the deplorable situation in which the two fleets were left at the end of the action, and we know only that during this bloody engagement, a number of English ships were seen in a bad condition going before the wind; that on the 19th the two fleets were seen off Guadaloupe, 15 leagues distant from each other; that the convoy passed by la Riviere for St. Domingo in the night between the 9th and 10th, under the escort of the Sagittaire and the Experiment, and except the loss of the Glorieux, the English ships have suffered much more damage than ours.

P. S. It appears by the last letters from Guadaloupe, that our fleet stood for St. Domingo; and that the English were endeavouring, on Monday last, to gain Antigua. They add, that the Richmond, after having towed the Glorieux for some time, saved her crew, and then set her on fire.

Sunday arrived a schooner bound from Jamaica to Barbados, with dispatches, prize to the Deane.

The Deane has also taken another prize and sent her

to the capes. Her cargo 120,000l. sterling in dry goods.

By late letters we are informed, that the minister of France has received authentic accounts of the naval action in the West-Indies; that he took the letter to the coffee-house in Philadelphia for the satisfaction of the gentlemen; it is nearly the same as the first accounts, the French lost one ship blown up, the British two sunk; it was calm during the whole action; the English have not had such a drubbing during the war; when the wind sprang up, the count de Grasse followed his convoy, and the British were unable to follow for 3 days; that a packet arrived at New-York from the West-Indies, a guard was put on board, and no person suffered to go on board or come on shore; the populace demanded the news of Rivington, and he refusing, they broke all his windows; that there is a formidable French fleet in the English channel, which is blocked up there. These accounts come from Philadelphia by gentlemen of veracity.

On Monday last the brig Prosperity, capt. Alexander Murray, arrived here from the Havanna, but last from New-Providence. By this vessel we are informed, that the British colony of the Bahama islands, of which New-Providence is the capital, surrendered by capitulation on or about the 13th inst. to the governor of Cuba, who invested it with a naval force consisting of Spanish and American armed vessels (the largest of which was the Charles-town frigate, commodore Gillon) with 1500 troops. The garrison and inhabitants were made prisoners of war, and were treated with much generosity by the conquerors.

The ship Dolphin, captain Forbes, from the same places, is arrived at Baltimore.

Captain George Buchanan in the ship Favourite, arrived here on Tuesday last from Nantes. No account of the change in the British ministry had reached that place when he sailed.

Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, May 29, 1782.

THE sale of books, which belonged to Lloyd Dulany, will be continued at Mr. Middleton's tavern on Saturday the 1st of June next. Among those books are the following:

The Craftsman, 12 vols.
Pope's works, 6.
Spectator, 6.
Turkish Spy, 5.
Congreve's Works, 2.
Hume's Essays, 2.
Tatler, 3.
Rambler, 3.
Rousseau, 3.
Dryden, 2.
Chæreas and Callirrhoe, 2.
One volume of Prior.
Two ditto of Cato's Letters.
One ditto of the Citizen of the World.
One ditto of the North Briton.
One ditto of Ignatius.
Annual Register for 1763.
Laws of Honour.
Secret Instructions of the Jesuits.
Two volumes of Nature Displayed.
Clark on the Catechism.
British Parnassus.
Husbandry.
Turkish History Epitomised.
Patoun's Navigation.
Physico-mechanical Experiments.
Euclid's Elements.
Defence of the Christian Church.
——— Revelation.
Philosophical Poem.
The Penitent Pardoned.
Unreasonableness of Deism.
Echard's Ecclesiastical History.
Orrery's Pliny, 2 vols.
Beattie's Essay.
Millar's Ranks.
Boileau's Works, 3 vols.
Revolution of Literature.
Chronological Accounts.
Fair Circassian.
Pownal's Administration of the Colonies.
Grecian Artists.
Baxter on the Soul, 2 vols.
Davidson's Translation of Ovid.

Together with a number of Latin, Greek, and French books, consisting of grammars, dictionaries, lexicons, classics, &c. &c.

By order, JO. BAXTER, clk.

A GOOD WEAVER, who can come well recommended, will meet with encouragement by applying to the printers.

ALL persons who are indebted to the estate of Mr. John Lestrange Brogden, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are desired to make payment, and all those who have any demands against said estate, are desired to produce them properly proved that they may be adjusted and paid, by

HUMPHRY BELT,
T. WATKINS, } executors.

CAME to the plantation of Thomas Reeder, jun. in Charles county, on Patowmack river, about the 25th of December last, a small white horse, 12½ hands high, has many black spots on his sides, and some yellow spots on his nose, no perceivable brand, about 12 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 2

TAKEN up as a stray by William Weems, forest of James, near Hall's creek, Calvert county, a black mare, about 13½ hands high, a [illegible] her forehead, no perceivable brand [illegible] The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

Maryland, Charles county, Patowmack river, opposite Hooe's ferry, May 10, 1782.

THE subscriber, having furnished himself with good sailing boats for the purpose of ferrying travellers over Patowmack river to Hooe's landing or the brick house at the mouth of Machodock creek, or any other landing in Virginia they chuse to be put to; and as travellers have for some years past complained of their suffering for want of a proper house of entertainment being kept at said ferry, he begs leave to inform the public that he has furnished himself with every necessary for that purpose; he solicits the custom of those gentlemen who travel that way, and assures them he will do all in his power to deserve the favour of the public. 2

THOMAS REEDER, jun.

Anne-Arundel county, May 4, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to make application to the general assembly at their next meeting, for a law empowering him to take into his possession and custody, as trustee, the estate real and personal of George Shipley, sen. of Anne-Arundel county, who hath been in a state of lunacy for nine years past, and incapable of taking care of and managing his affairs, and to dispose of such part thereof as will be sufficient to discharge the debts due and owing by the said George Shipley, sen.

2 w8 GEORGE SHIPLEY, jun.

Dorchester county, May 10, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the next general assembly, for an act empowering him to clear a road from his dwelling plantation, whereon he is now erecting a windmill, to the road leading from the main road opposite to Charles Beckwith's, to capt. Edward Noels.

2 w8 NATHANIEL MANNING.

TAKEN up by the subscriber living near the eastern branch ferry, Prince-George's county, a stray horse of a bright bay colour, about 9 years old, about 13 hands high, no visible brand, a long blaze in his face, shod before, trots and stumbles much, a wall eye on the right side, and lately had a sore back. Also came to the subscriber's, last fall, a black and white pied cow, appears to be old, marked with a crop in each ear. The owner or owners are desired to prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

w3 2 AQUILA WHEELER.

Maryland, Intendant's office, March 1, 1782.

ALL persons indebted to this state for monies advanced for carrying on manufactures and not accounted for, or on any other contract, or for the collection of any branch of the revenue, are desired without loss of time to settle their accounts and discharge the balances that may be due, otherwise suits will be commenced against those who neglect to comply with this requisition.

All persons having claims against the state on certificates, unsettled accounts, or otherwise, are requested to bring them in to be adjusted. Officers who have received money from the executive for the recruiting service, and with which they are charged on the auditor's books, are desired to settle their accounts.

2 DANIEL of ST. THOMAS JENIFER, intendant.

THE partnership of Wallace, Davidson, and Johnson, having terminated some time since, it is absolutely necessary that the transactions of that concern should be settled: the subscribers therefore earnestly call on all those who are indebted to the said company for dealings at Annapolis, Queen-Anne, and Nottingham, immediately to settle their balances by bond or note. Being well acquainted with the scarcity of money, and other difficulties of the times, the subscribers do not press for payment, but a settlement; and to show the world that they wish to do as they would be done by, they inform their creditors, that they are willing to give their bonds for any just claims against them, and to renew those of an old date.

For the convenience of their debtors, they have empowered Mr. Edward Botelar to settle their Nottingham store balances, Mr. Samuel Tyler those of Queen-Anne store, and they will give constant attendance at Annapolis for the purpose of settling the accounts of that store; they hope no person concerned will neglect to comply with this very moderate request, should there be any such, they may be assured that suits will be commenced against them the moment the courts are opened without any further notice.

tf 4 C. WALLACE, J. DAVIDSON.

A FEW copies of the VOTES and PROCEEDINGS of the HOUSE of DELEGATES of the last session of assembly, may be had at the printing-office. 5

THERE was left at the plantation of the subscriber, in Queen-Anne's county, the beginning of November last, a stray gelding, about 8 or 9 years old, a brown bay, short switch tail, hanging mane, about 14½ hands high, shod all round, has no artificial mark or brand, trots and canters heavily, and very flat spirited.

w3 2 ADAM GRAY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to prefer a petition to the next general assembly of the state of Maryland, for a road or path-way from his house in Snowhill-town to the main road, of which all persons concerned are to take notice.

3 JOHN M'MULLEN.

Charles county, April 14, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers intend to offer a petition to the general assembly of this state, praying a division and partition of the lands willed by Justinian Cooksey, sen. deceased, late of this county, to the subscribers, and Samuel Cooksey, since also deceased, and whose heir is still a minor.

5 JOHN COOKSEY,
THOMAS REED COOKSEY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to apply to the next general assembly, to pass an act to enable me to collect sufficient of the debts due in this state to Mr. Thomas Philpot of London, merchant, to will discharge the debts contracted and engagements made by me, for and on account of the said Thomas Philpot.

7 FRANK LEEKE.

C U B,

Thorough bred from the best stock in England, a fine bay now in his prime, near fifteen hands high, and looked upon by judges to be one of the finest horses they ever saw,

STANDS at my house in Westmore'and county, Virginia, twenty miles below Hooe's ferry, and nearly opposite to Llewellen's warehouse, in St. Mary's county, in this state, where he will cover mares at ten pounds specie the season. Pasturage equal to any in the country gratis, and the greatest care will be taken of the mares, but I will not be answerable for any accidents that may happen.

2X DANIEL M'CARTY.

N. B. Tobacco will be taken in discharge of the above specie, if the price can be agreed upon.

To be SOLD,

A LOT of ground of one whole acre in the city of Annapolis, with a tan yard thereon, and several valuable improvements, lying on a good landing. This lot of ground I look on as the most valuable lot in the city to a man of real business, being so well adapted for the businesses of distilling, brewing, or sugar-baking, tanning, &c. &c. the springs are numerous and the water excellent.

Likewise an elegant brick house adjoining the church circle, in a dry and healthy part of the city, this house is 100 feet front, 3 story high, has 20 fire places, the rooms are mostly large and well finished, and is one of the first houses in the state for a house of entertainment, for which purpose it was originally intended, but may very well serve for two tenements. Any person inclining to purchase one or both the aforesaid premises may know the terms of sale by applying to

3 THOMAS HYDE.

N. B. All persons who have formerly had dealings with me, and their accounts are not yet settled, I hope will call at my house in Annapolis and discharge the same, or close their accounts by passing notes or bonds for their balances, and those who are indebted by any written obligation, are desired to discharge the same, or pay the interest and renew their obligations to their humble servant T. H.

THERE are at the plantation of David Crawford, adjoining the town of Upper-Marlborough, taken up as strays, a bay mare, three years old, three white feet, and a small star in her forehead; the other a bay gelding, three years old, hind feet white, a star in his forehead, and one white eye, neither of them are deck'd or branded, they are about 13 hands high, unbroke, and came to the said plantation some time last fall. The owner or owners are desired to prove property, pay charges, and take them away. 2

May 4, 1782.

To be SOLD,

THE subscriber's dwellings, with three hundred and twenty acres of land, within one mile of the town of Upper Marlborough, in Prince-George's county; they are pleasantly situated, consisting of two brick dwelling houses with a passage betwixt and a brick kitchen adjoining, all two stories high; they are very commodious, with great conveniences suitable for a genteel family; there are all other necessary out houses, such as a warehouse, negro quarter, corn house, barn, chaise house, and stables for twelve horses, the whole being built within the space of ten or twelve years; the land is well adapted for farming, having plenty of meadow and good grazing grounds with fine springs of water; there are about three hundred bearing apple trees, besides fruit trees of several sorts. The premises may be viewed at any time, and terms made known by applying to 2 JOHN READ MAGRUDER.

Prince-George's county.

To be sold on the premises, at public vendue, for specie only, on Saturday the first of June next.

THE houses and lots situated in the town of Bladensburg, late in possession of a certain Michael Benes, deceased. Twelve months credit will be given on bond with interest and approved security.

w5 2 JOHN BEALL, executor.

THE several inspectors of tobacco may be supplied with books and notes at the printing-office. 3

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